MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government ascertain whether the quantity of work has been decreasing in the Taluk Offices ?

MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, we can ascertain it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government consider whether these posts could be made permanent if the work has not decreased ?

PRESIDENT : You suggest a course of action which is inadmissible.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : It is only an information.

PRESIDENT : That is only a suggestion for a course of action. Hence it is inadmissible.

Repairs to Karingalichal, Mavelikara Taluk.

62. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether an estimate for constructing and repairing the Karingalichal canal in the Mavelikara taluk has been obtained, and, if so, the date of its receipt ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether that estimate has obtained the sanction of the Government, and, if so, the date of such sanction ; and

(*c*) the length, width and depth of the proposed canal ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes on the 27th March, 1926.

(*b*) The estimate was sanctioned by the Government on the 13th January, 1928.

(*c*) Length—8,350 ft.
Width—10 ft. bottom width.
Depth – Varies according to the lie of the ground.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state why after getting an estimate on the 27th March 1926 they took one and a half years for sanctioning it ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The matter was under reference with the Land Revenue Commissioner.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : For the whole time ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. He was examining the question of the benefits to be had by this work and the possibility of levy of a cess. All these details have had to be examined by the Land Revenue Commissioner.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know what was the report ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It has been received and it was after that that the estimate was sanctioned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): After getting the report are the Government convinced that the work should be executed ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, that is the reason why the estimate has been sanctioned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why the amount necessary has not been included in this year's Budget ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The lands necessary have not been acquired. The whole place is under water. The lands have to be surveyed and acquired. This can be done only by next Kumbham. Only after the declarations have come in and the lands are acquired can the work be taken in hand.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): But if the amount was sanctioned in the last year's Budget does not the Government know that it could have been utilised this year ?

PRESIDENT: Let me inform the member that provision in the Budget does not mean sanction. It is merely a provision by forecast. Sanction comes in at a subsequent stage.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Do the Government know that as regards the Irrigation works they have clearly expressed that as soon as the sanction is given they will try to begin the work ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, we are now doing it already. The declaration is being prepared, and after that the lands have to be surveyed. That work has already been started.

Vacancies in the posts of Head Masters and First Grade Teachers in English Schools.

63. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of permanent vacancies in the posts of Headmasters of English High Schools and the dates on which such posts fell vacant; and

(*b*) (i) the number of permanent vacancies in the posts of First Grade teachers of English High Schools and (ii) the date of the earliest vacancy that has yet to be filled ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to the answer given to parts (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 71, asked by Mr. A. Thanu Pillai at the meeting of the Council held on the 10th August, 1928.

(*b*) (i) 25.

(ii) 25th Makaram 1099.

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